

All-Payer Claims Database Advisory Group Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET
Location: Legislative Office Building, Room 1D

Members Present

James Wadleigh, *Chair*, Tamim Ahmed, Robert Aseltine, François de Brantes, Mary Ellen Breault (online), Demian Fontanella (online), Bernadette Inskeep, Dr. Henry Jacobs (on behalf of Matthew Katz), Kimberly Martone, Michael Michaud (on behalf of Commissioner Miriam Delphin-Rittmon), Melissa Morton (on behalf of Secretary Benjamin Barnes), Dean Myshrall, Jean Rexford, Corrine Seibert (on behalf of Commissioner Roderick Bremby) (online), Robert Tessier, Victoria Veltri (online), Victor Villagra

Members Absent

James D. Iacobellis, Raul Pino, Katherine Wade, Thomas Woodruff

Other Participants

Patrick Quinn (Onpoint Health Data), Georgia King and Shawn Sippel (The Atom Group)

Present via Web: Diane Aye, April Blazuk, Linda Green, Ann Gunther, Cheryl Masiliunas, Kim Sheridan, Sheryl Turney, Judy Ureda

AHCT Participants

Susan Rich-Bye, Ryan O'Neil

I. Call to Order and Introductions

James Wadleigh called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of May 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes

James Wadleigh asked for a motion to approve the May 12, 2016 meeting minutes. Jean Rexford made a motion to approve the minutes with the note that Ben Barnes's title should be changed from "Commissioner" to "Secretary." Robert Tessier seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. CEO/ ED Updates

Dr. Tamim Ahmed gave an update on the progress of the APCD timeline. The APCD is not currently receiving data from Anthem. ConnectiCare is interpreting the *Gobeille* decision broadly and is not submitting any ERISA data, whether self-insured or fully insured. The APCD plans on launching its Web site by September 30. The APCD has received the report from the Department of Public Health and the Department of Insurance that covers the statutorily required reports. There followed a discussion regarding the report.

V. Mission/Vision Statement

Dr. Ahmed read the new Mission and Vision statement. A discussion followed. Robert Tessier recommended keeping it on the agenda for the next meeting. A number of members expressed the idea that the statement should also include a focus on consumers.

VI. Data Release Committee Membership

Dr. Ahmed presented the names of those nominated to be members of the Data Release Committee (DRC). Members expressed concern that no members represented consumers. Mr. Wadleigh asked that the Advisory Group members give suggestions for who could best represent consumers to Dr. Ahmed in the near future. François de Brantes raised the issue of the bias in regards to sharing data from the selected DRC members. Susan Rich-Bye, of Access Health CT, pointed out that members beyond the minimum number could be added at any point in the future. Robert Tessier added that because data collection is still ongoing, composing a Data Release Committee could wait until the next Advisory Group meeting in November.

VII. Data Fee Schedule – Preliminary

Dr. Ahmed described four categories of data requestors – commercial, non-professional, state agencies, and assessed entities. He explained that fees would be designated for each category and for an initial extract and then any subsequent extract. Additionally, if a requestor wants a customized extract, that would result in a fee specific to the request. Bernie Inskeep inquired about an application fee. Dr. Ahmed agreed that there would be an application fee, which would help to reduce frivolous request and ensure the seriousness of the requestor. Robert Tessier asked about how the fees compare to other states' fees. Dr. Ahmed explained that he had checked with Colorado and Massachusetts, and the fees he had designated were based most closely on those of Massachusetts. A number of members raised the idea that commercial databases can be hugely expensive and also yield very profitable results, thus perhaps charging a higher fee might be a good idea. Mr. Wadleigh mentioned paying \$30,000 for an address list, and observed that APCD data are much more valuable than an address list. Dr. Ahmed agreed and said he would re-examine the fees.

VIII. Report Presentation by Onpoint Health Data

Patrick Quinn of Onpoint Health Data gave a presentation on two reports that will be placed on the APCD's Web site, regarding physician density and disease prevalence. Mr. Quinn demonstrated the functionality, including the map, bar chart visualization, data table presentation of the data, as well as other features of the site. A few members asked about what quality measures will be used when price transparency reports are published. Mr. Quinn told the members that he would send them a URL where they could examine the site at their own pace.

IX. Proposed Reports for the Future

Dr. Ahmed discussed the next 10 reports that the APCD plans to produce after the initial 10, which were previously approved by the Advisory Group. Mr. de Brantes voiced the idea that the next 10 reports should align with price reports. Robert Asseltine stated that PQI reports should be a lower priority and that the next 10 reports should focus on where money can be spent more wisely in the healthcare system.

X. Next Steps

There were no Next Steps.

XI. Future Meeting

The next regular meeting of the APCD Advisory Group November 10 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Legislative Office Building, Room 1D.

XII. Adjournment

James Wadleigh asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jean Rexford moved to adjourn. Robert Tessier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.